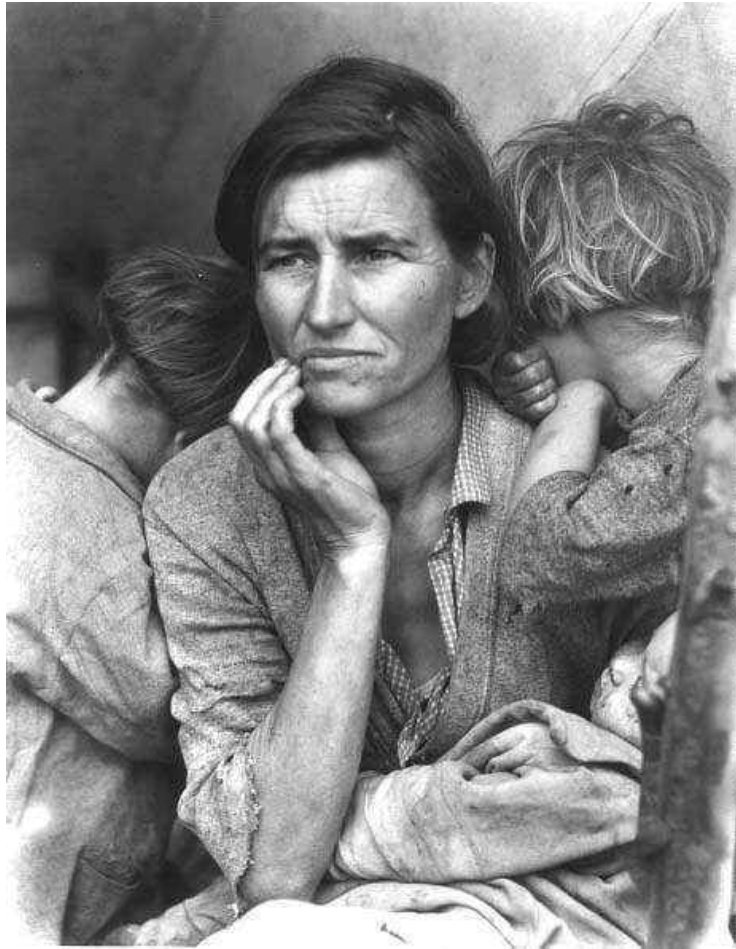


# The Great Depression

## U.S. History & Government



### Homework Packet

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**Key terms and people**

Herbert Hoover	
business cycle	
speculation	
Black Tuesday	

**Main Tasks:**

1. What economic problems lurked beneath the general prosperity of the 1920s?
2. How did easy credit and buying stock on margin provide both costs and benefits to the U.S. economy?
3. How did the stock market crash contribute to the onset of the depression?
4. How might Americans react today if hundreds of banks failed?

**Key terms and people**

bread line	
Dust Bowl	
Hooverville	
Okies	
repatriation	

**Main Tasks:**

1. Complete the graphic organizer below that compares the experiences of those in rural and urban America.

<b>In Cities</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>On Farms</b>

2. How did environmental change affect farmers living on the Great Plains during the 1930s?
3. How did the Dust Bowl make life even more difficult for farmers on the Great Plains?
4. How did the depression take a toll on women, children, and minorities in America?

**Key terms and people**

Bonus Army	
trickle-down economics	

**Main Tasks:**

1. Why was Hoover reluctant to have the federal government interfere with the economy?
2. What actions did Herbert Hoover take to fight the effects of the depression?
3. What facts show that Hoover's policies to reverse the depression failed?
4. Was the Bonus Army justified in its protest? Why or why not?
5. Why did Hoover order the removal of the Bonus Army from its camps?

**Key terms and people**

Franklin D. Roosevelt	
CCC	
Eleanor Roosevelt	
New Deal	
fireside chat	
FDIC	
TVA	
Charles Coughlin	
Huey Long	

**Main Tasks:**

1. How did FDR's background and actions help build confidence among the American people?
2. Why did President Roosevelt need his wife, Eleanor, to serve as his "eyes and ears"?
3. How did the programs of the first 100 days benefit both the economy and the environment?
4. Examine the cartoon on page 737. What is the cartoonist saying about the relationship between the President and Congress?
5. What were the two major criticisms of FDR's New Deal economic policies?

**Key terms and people**

pump priming	
Social Security Act	
Wagner Act	
Fair Labor Standards Act	
court packing	

**Main Tasks:**

1. Why did the onset of the depression make it essential to have some form of Social Security?
2. How do you think strikes affected union membership?
3. How did the New Deal affect trade unions?
4. What setbacks did Roosevelt face during his second term as President?
5. Do you think that FDR's court-packing plan was justified? Explain your answer.

**Key terms and people**

Black Cabinet	
welfare state	

**Main Tasks:**

1. Explain the effect that the New Deal had on the following groups.

Women	
African Americans	
Native Americans	

2. How did New Deal policies affect ethnic and social divisions?

3. Besides giving jobs to the unemployed, describe other ways that PWA and WPA projects might have helped local economies.

